

DOE Planning for Pandemic Influenza

- ◆ Deputy Secretary Clay Sell directed the Office of Environment, Safety and Health (EH) to lead the Department's response to pandemic influenza.
- ◆ EH is currently chairing a Biological Event Monitoring Team (BEMT), represented by key departmental elements, who are developing the DOE Strategy to address this threat. This team would coordinate with the Department of Homeland Security, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other U.S. Governmental Agencies, in the event of a pandemic.
- ◆ The BEMT has directed all field elements to review their Continuity of Operations Plan and to determine and designate Mission Essential Functions in the event of a pandemic. Additionally, EH has directed field elements to contact local public health agencies to identify protective measures to be taken by personnel and resources available for medical and organization response.
- ◆ The Department's planning includes an education and informational campaign for DOE employees available at [<http://www.eh.doe.gov/health/avian.html>](http://www.eh.doe.gov/health/avian.html)
- ◆ More information on DOE planning for pandemic influenza will be posted later this summer.

